

Neighborhood Advisory Committee Goals for 2016-2017

Vision: (long-term desired change) A city embracing the community of its neighborhoods

Mission: (what we do) Communicate and advise the City Council on issues affecting neighborhoods (taken from the Council legislation)

Goals: (expected outcomes for realizing the vision and mission)

1. Facilitate communication and cooperation between neighborhoods, City staff, boards and commissions.

Action Plan:

- Hold a public meeting in each of the five geographic areas to identify issues affecting residents, receive neighborhood feedback, connect City staff with neighborhood organizations, and inform neighborhoods of developments in their area.
- Foster communication between the City and neighborhoods by having NAC members serve as a liaison on some City boards and commissions that directly affect life in our neighborhoods.
- Support and attend neighborhood and City-sponsored meetings.
- Assist in development of the neighborhood portal on the City's website.

2. Submit timely reports from neighborhoods and recommend strategies to improve Asheville's neighborhoods.

Action Plan:

- Present an annual "Report from the Neighborhoods" to City Council by the end of January, 2017.
- Include a report card evaluating the prior year's efforts.
- Submit timely reports and advice to City Council and staff on common concerns and issues affecting neighborhoods.
- Encourage all neighborhoods to submit Plans on a Page.

3. Strengthen neighborhood organizational development.

Action Plan:

- Support neighborhood organizational development in new areas.
- Support neighborhood leaders and advocates with advice and training.
- Assist continued development of Citizens' Academy.
- Convene a third Festival of Neighborhoods-workshops in November.

4. Promote and celebrate neighborhoods.

Action Plan:

- Profile neighborhoods on the City of Asheville website.
- Encourage Neighborhood registration with the city.
- Encourage participation in the Asheville Comprehensive Planning process.
- Recognize a Neighborhood Volunteer of the Year.

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